

Amendment No. 1 to HB0463

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 494

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-104, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(A) If an applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in another country in support of combat or another military operation, the applicant shall submit:

(i) A notarized statement containing the applicant's name, age, address in the United States, if applicable, and the names and addresses of the applicant's parents, guardian, or next of kin;

(ii) A certified copy of the applicant's deployment orders; and

(iii) An affidavit from the battalion, ship, or squadron commander, as applicable, notarized by the judge advocate stating that the applicant is deployed.

(B) A person submitting a statement under subdivision (a)(2)(A) who intends to appear for the marriage ceremony via video conferencing pursuant to § 36-3-302(b) must indicate such intention in the statement.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-302, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) For the purposes of satisfying the requirement in subsection (a) that each party must make a declaration in the presence of a minister or officer, a member of the

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armed forces of the United States may appear at the marriage ceremony via video conferencing if:

- (1) The member of the armed forces is stationed in another country in support of combat or another military operation;
- (2) A commissioned officer is present with, and confirms the identity of, the member of the armed forces;
- (3) A person authorized to solemnize marriages pursuant to § 36-3-301 is present with, and confirms the identity of, the person who is marrying the member of the armed forces; and
- (4) The person who is marrying the member of the armed forces is present in this state.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.